AH... AHH....

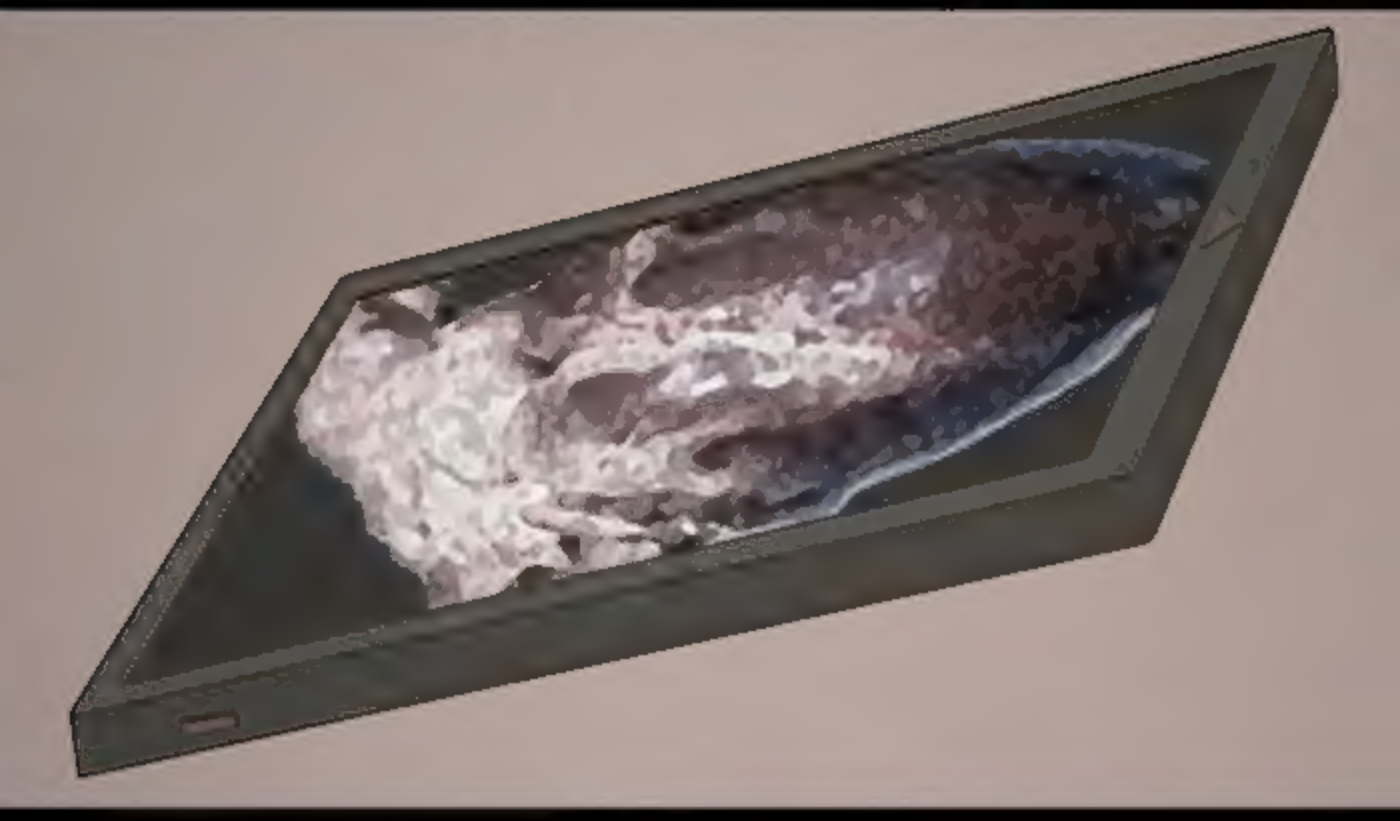
I TOOK MY FINGER IN THE WATER BOTTLE
AND RUSHED OVER TO A HOSPITAL.

ONE SMALL MERCY WAS THAT
THE CUT SURFACE WAS VERY CLEAN SO
THE REATTACHMENT SURGERY WAS SUCCESSFUL.

THAT'S RIGHT. IT WAS UNFORTUNATE
BUT I SOMETIMES THOUGHT THAT
MAYBE IT WAS ACTUALLY LUCKY.

IF IT HAD HIT MY HEAD OR HEART
INSTEAD OF MY FINGER,

I WOULD ALREADY BE GONE FROM THIS WORLD.



IT WAS ONLY AFTER THE ACCIDENT

THAT I SERIOUSLY THOUGHT ABOUT HOW TO USE 116.

FIRST RULE.
SAVING AND LOADING CAN BE DONE
ANYTIME, ANYWHERE.

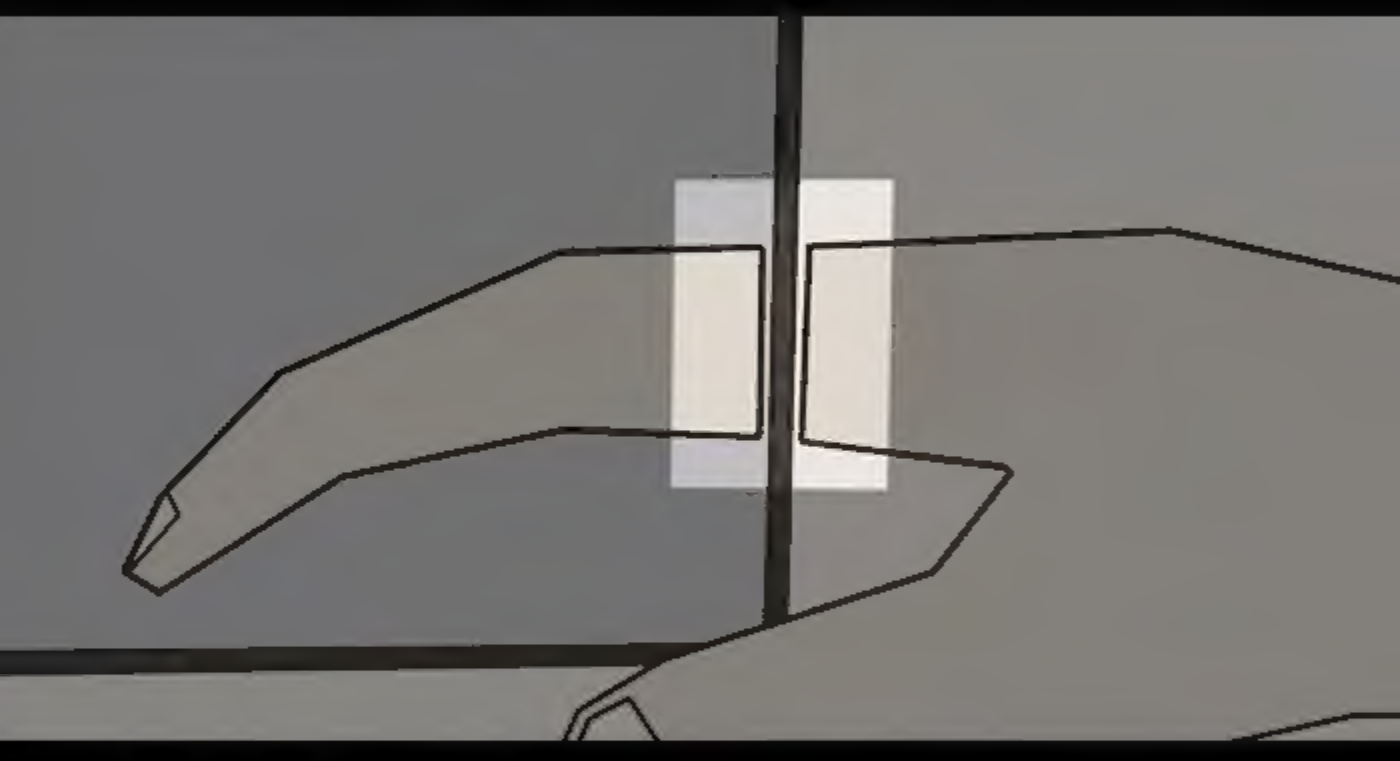
SECOND RULE.
WHEN LOADING, EVERYTHING EXCEPT ME AND
OBJECTS TOUCHING MY BODY RETURNS TO
THEIR SAVED POSITION.

THIRD RULE.
AFTER LOADING, IF THERE ARE ANY OBJECTS
IN THE SPACE WHERE I AM WHICH EXISTED
WHEN I SAVED, THE TWO ARE COMBINED.

AFTER SUMMARIZING EVERYTHING,
THERE WERE QUITE A FEW SUSPICIONS REMAINING.

AT THE TIME OF THE ACCIDENT,
MY FINGER WAS CUT RIGHT OFF.

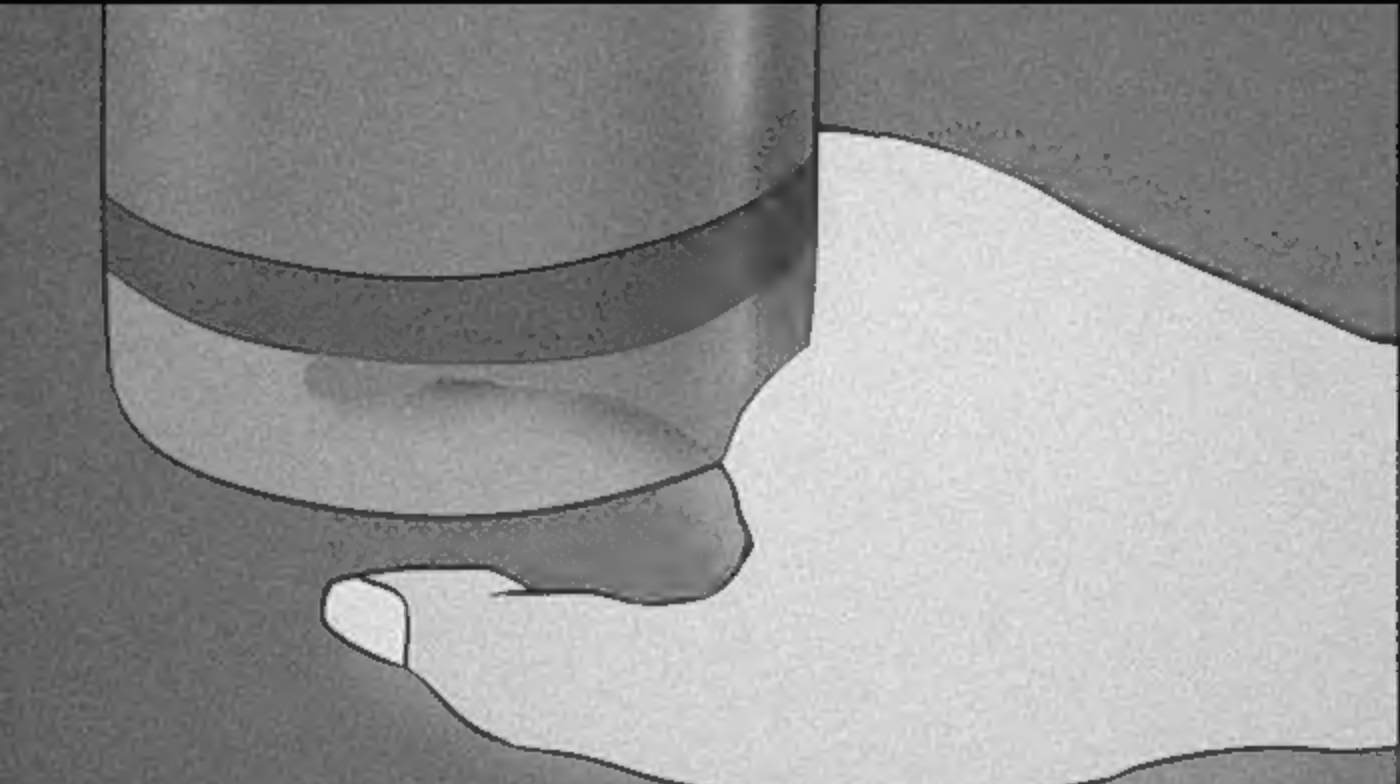
IN OTHER WORDS,
THE PART OVERLAPPING WITH THE WATER BOTTLE
DIDN'T COMBINE WITH MY BODY–



IT DISAPPEARED.

ANOTHER QUESTION: WHY WAS MY FINGER PRESERVED LIKE THAT 'INSIDE' THE WATER BOTTLE?

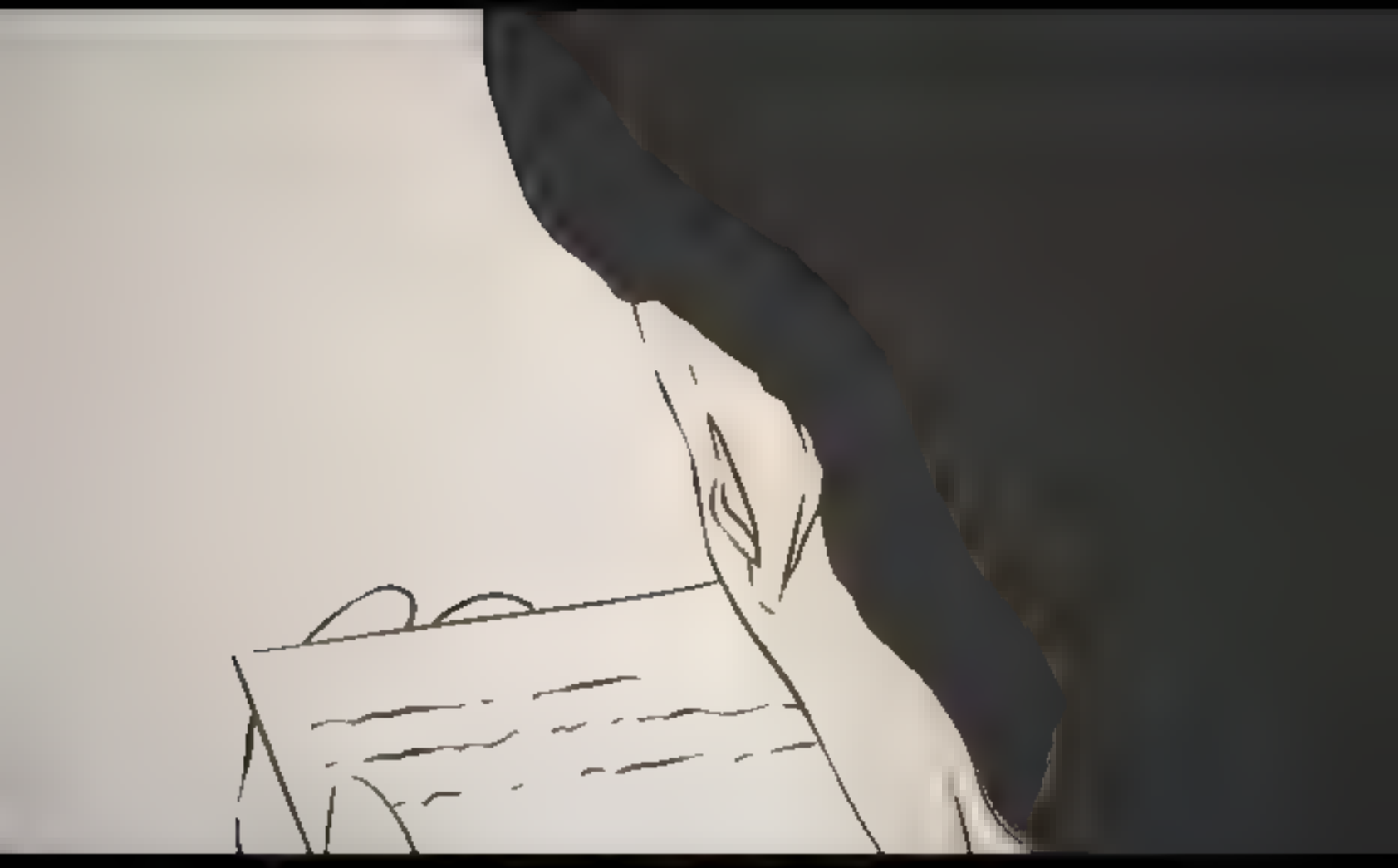
STRICTLY SPEAKING, IT WASN'T AN EMPTY SPACE. THERE WAS WATER.



A LENIENT RULE?
FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE USER?

OR SOMETHING TO ENABLE
IT TO BE USED IN THE FIRST PLACE?

FOURTH RULE.
THINGS LIKE WATER AND AIR DO NOT
AFFECT MOVEMENT.

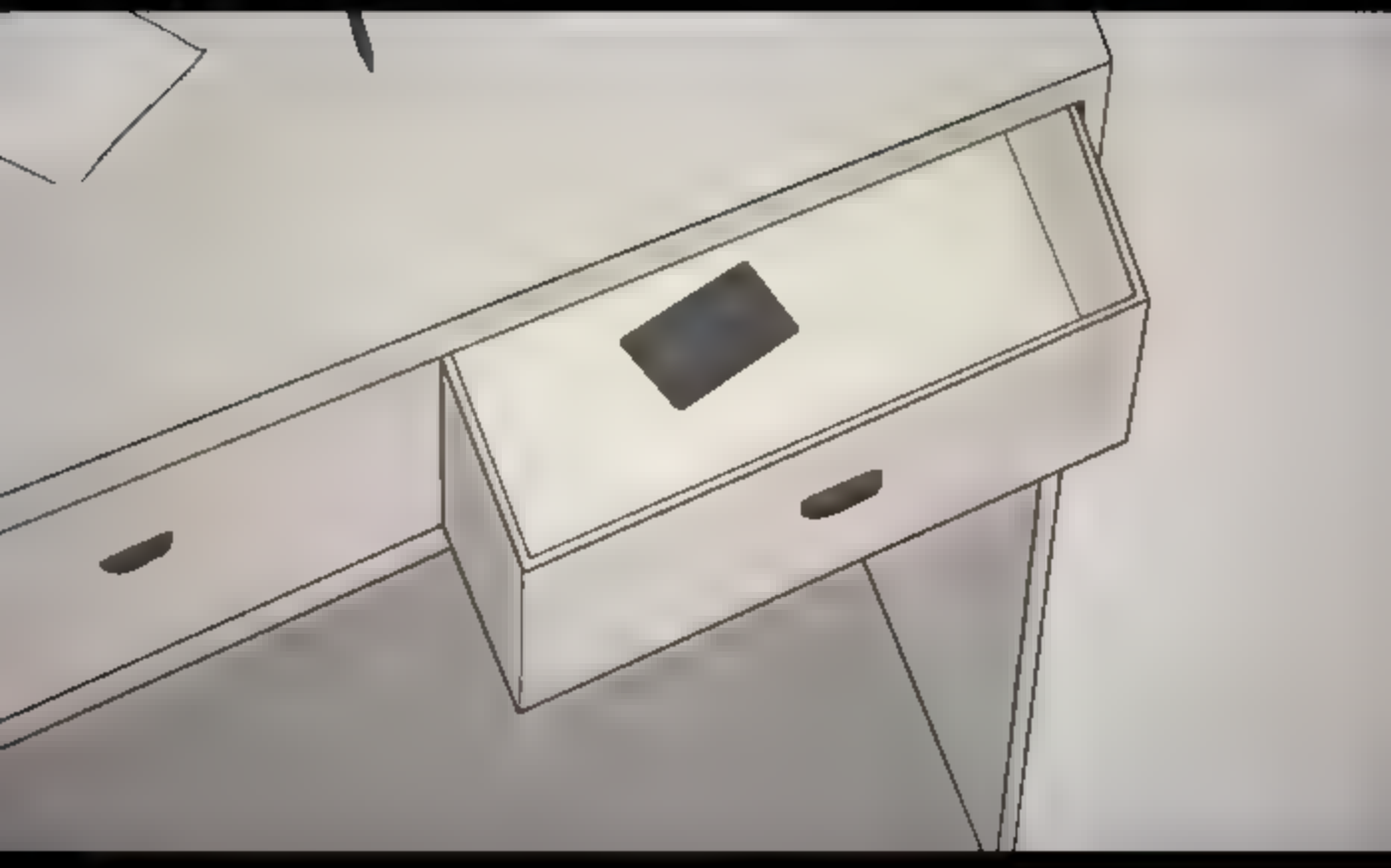


THAT'S RIGHT. THIS WAS THE MINIMUM RULE REQUIRED FOR MAKING THIS POSSIBLE TO USE.

OTHERWISE, DURING THE FIRST LOAD, MY BODY WOULD HAVE COMBINED WITH THE AIR THAT WAS IN THAT SPACE AND SHATTERED.

DUSTPROOF FACILITIES.
SO THAT'S WHY IT SAYS TO USE THIS IN CLEAN SPACES WITHOUT EVEN ANY DUST.

I FINALLY REALIZED THE REASON FOR HAVING SUCH A WARNING.



I WAS LUCKY CONSIDERING
HOW THOUGHTLESSLY I HAD USED IT.
IF THERE HAD BEEN A BUG OR SOME
KIND OF JUNK IN THE LOADED SPACE..

AND IF IT HAD PENETRATED MY BRAIN,
SPINAL CORD OR ANOTHER IMPORTANT ORGAN.

I WOULD EITHER BE DEAD OR LIVING AS A CRIPPLE.

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ENOUGH GAMES,

I'M SEALING OFF 116.

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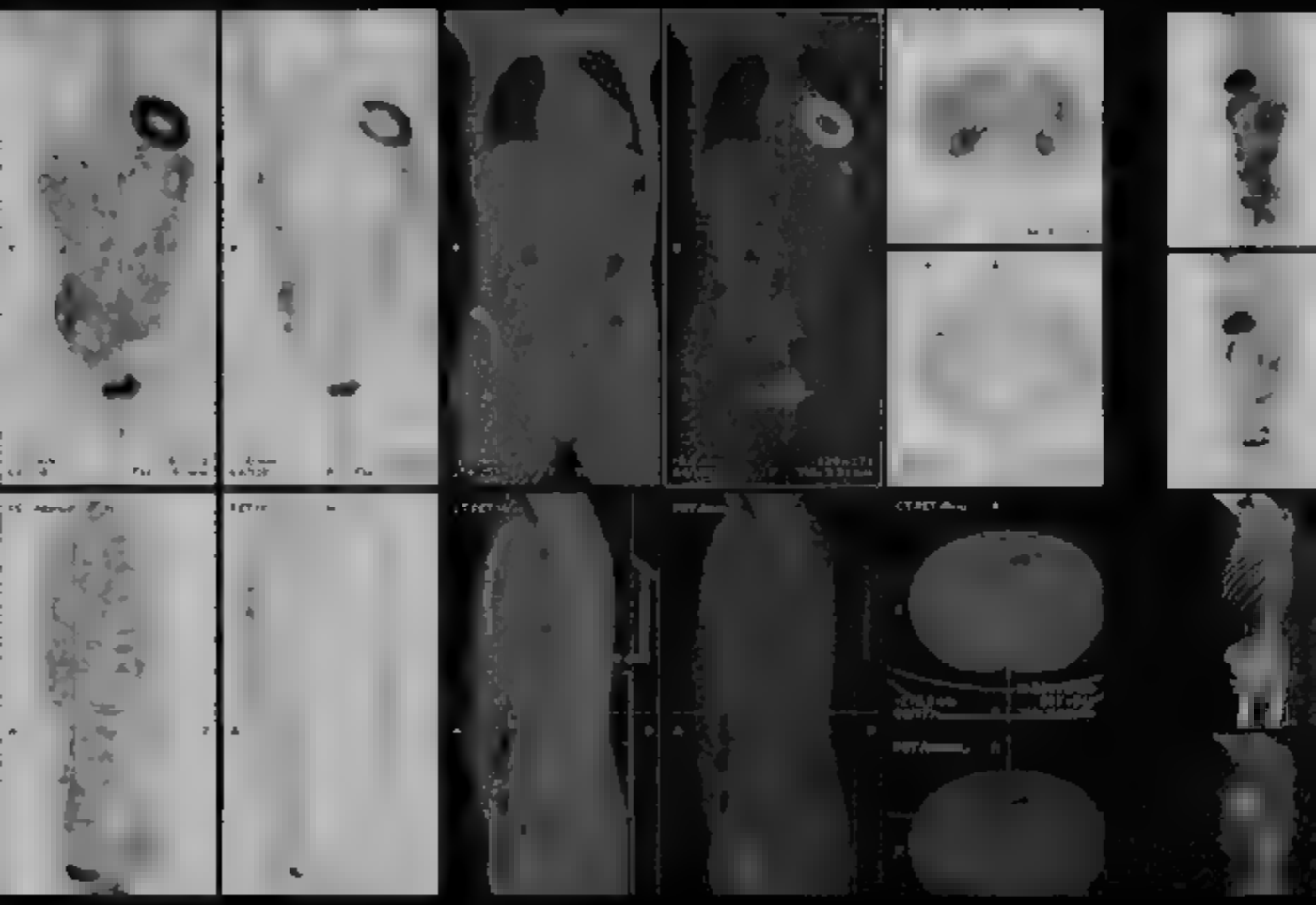
I TRIED ALL KINDS OF THOROUGH INSPECTIONS,
LIKE MRI AND PET/CT.



THEY DID FIND SOME UNIDENTIFIED
FOREIGN MATTER (DUST) IN MY TISSUE,

BUT THE REMARKABLE ANTIBODIES IN MY BODY
WERE GETTING RID OF IT FOR ME.

I ONLY REGRETTED ONE THING.

IF I HAD KNOWN IT WOULD TURN OUT LIKE THIS,
I SHOULD HAVE GATHERED MORE.

I SHOULD HAVE GATHERED MORE WEALTH THAN
I COULD EVER SPEND IN A LIFETIME.

FORGET IT. ENOUGH REGRETS.
I'M ALREADY WEALTHY ENOUGH NOW.

THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT KIND OF ACCIDENT
I MIGHT GET INTO IF I GET GREEDY
FOR NOTHING. JUST FORGET IT.

FORGET
IT.....

WHAT'S THE BEST WAY TO
INVEST MY REMAINING MONEY?

ONE DAY, WHEN I WAS BUSY THINKING
ABOUT FINANCIAL PLANNING..

NEW TEXT!
NEW TEXT!
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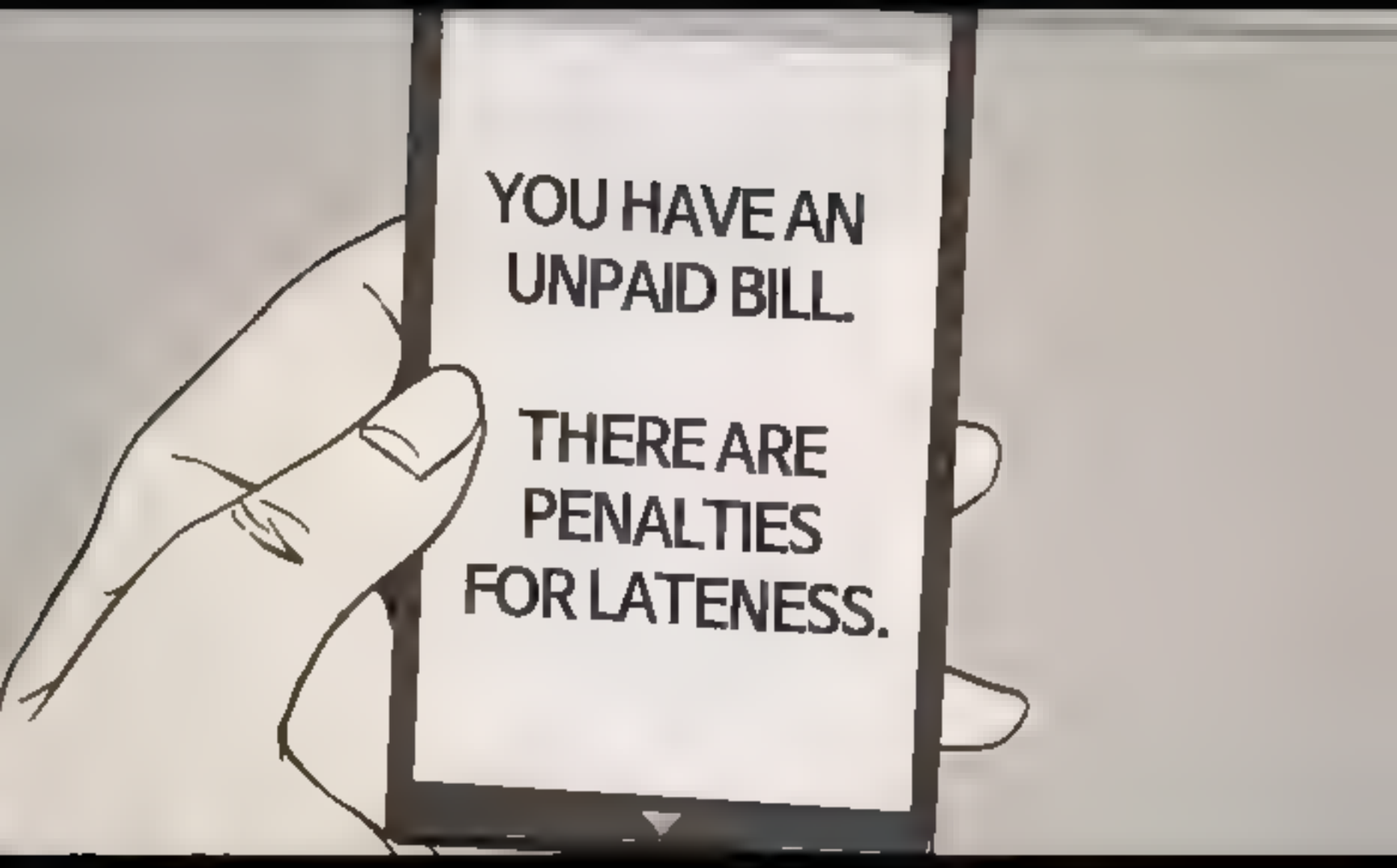
ALL OF A SUDDEN.

I HEARD 'NEW TEXT!'

YOU HAVE AN UNPAID BILL.

THERE ARE PENALTIES FOR LATENESS.

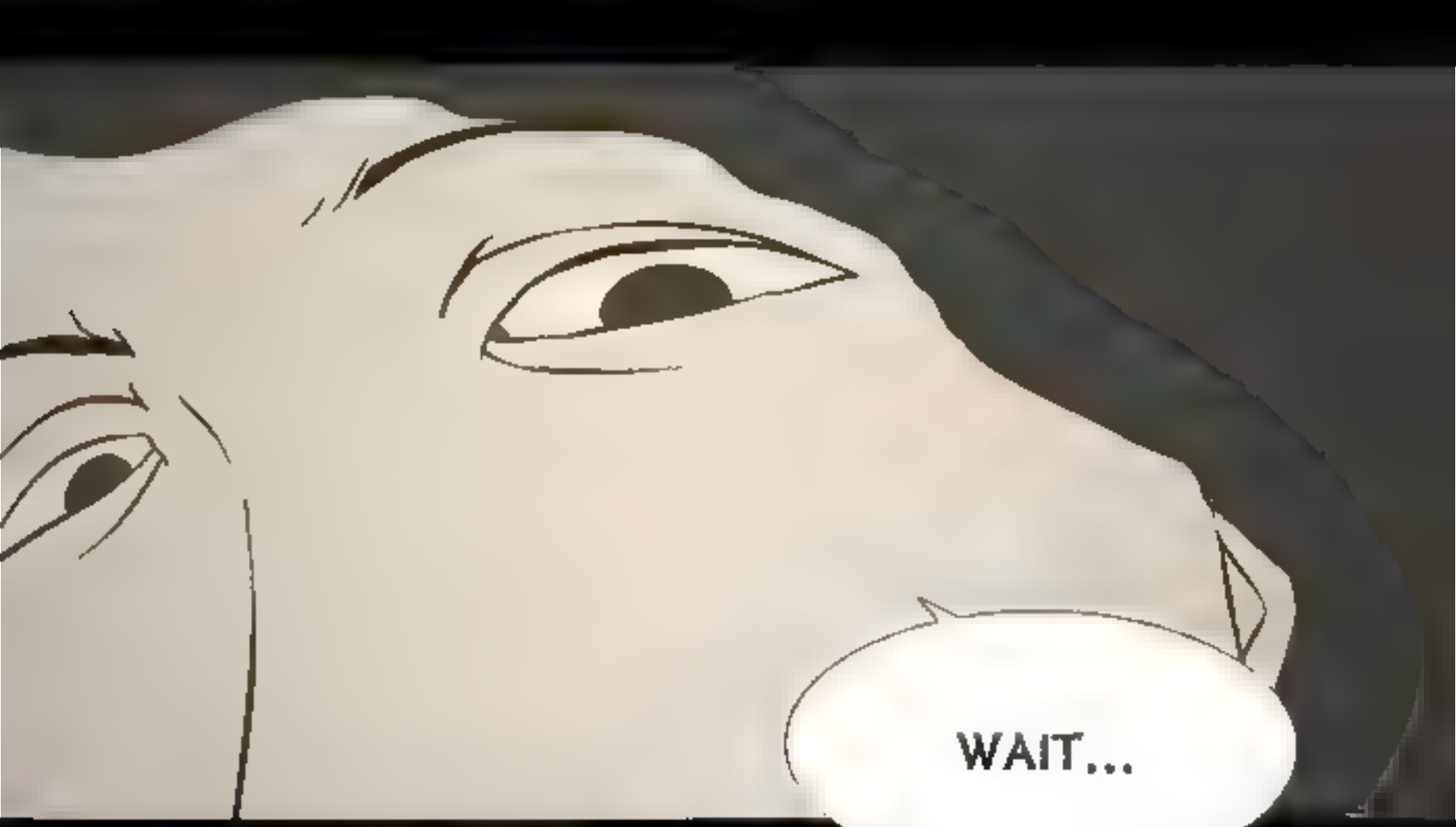
WHAT?



AN UNPAID BILL? PENALTIES?

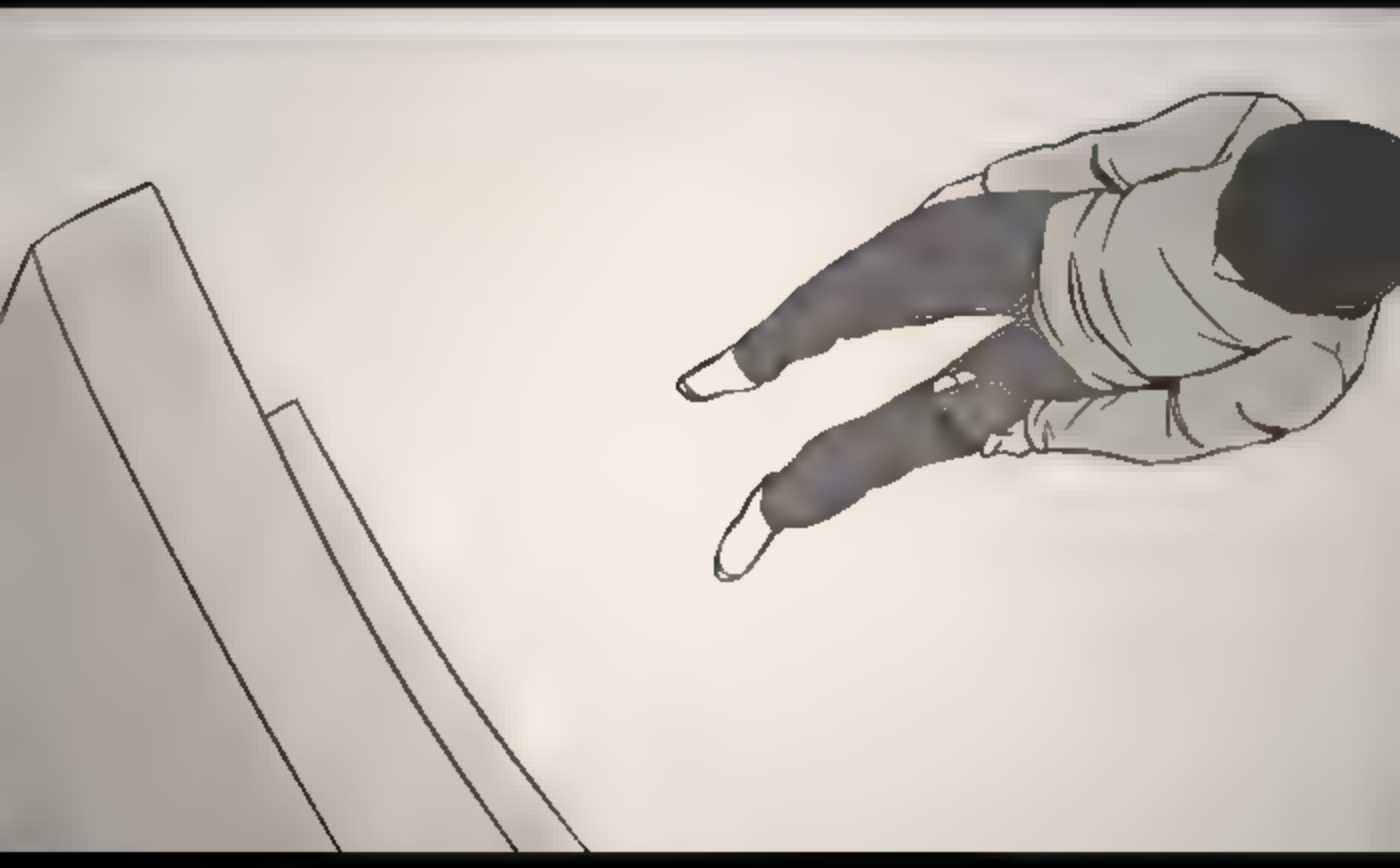
I WAS CONFUSED, AND SCARED.
SINCE THERE WAS NO WAY FOR ME TO KNOW

WHAT THE BILL OR PENALTY FOR LATENESS WAS.



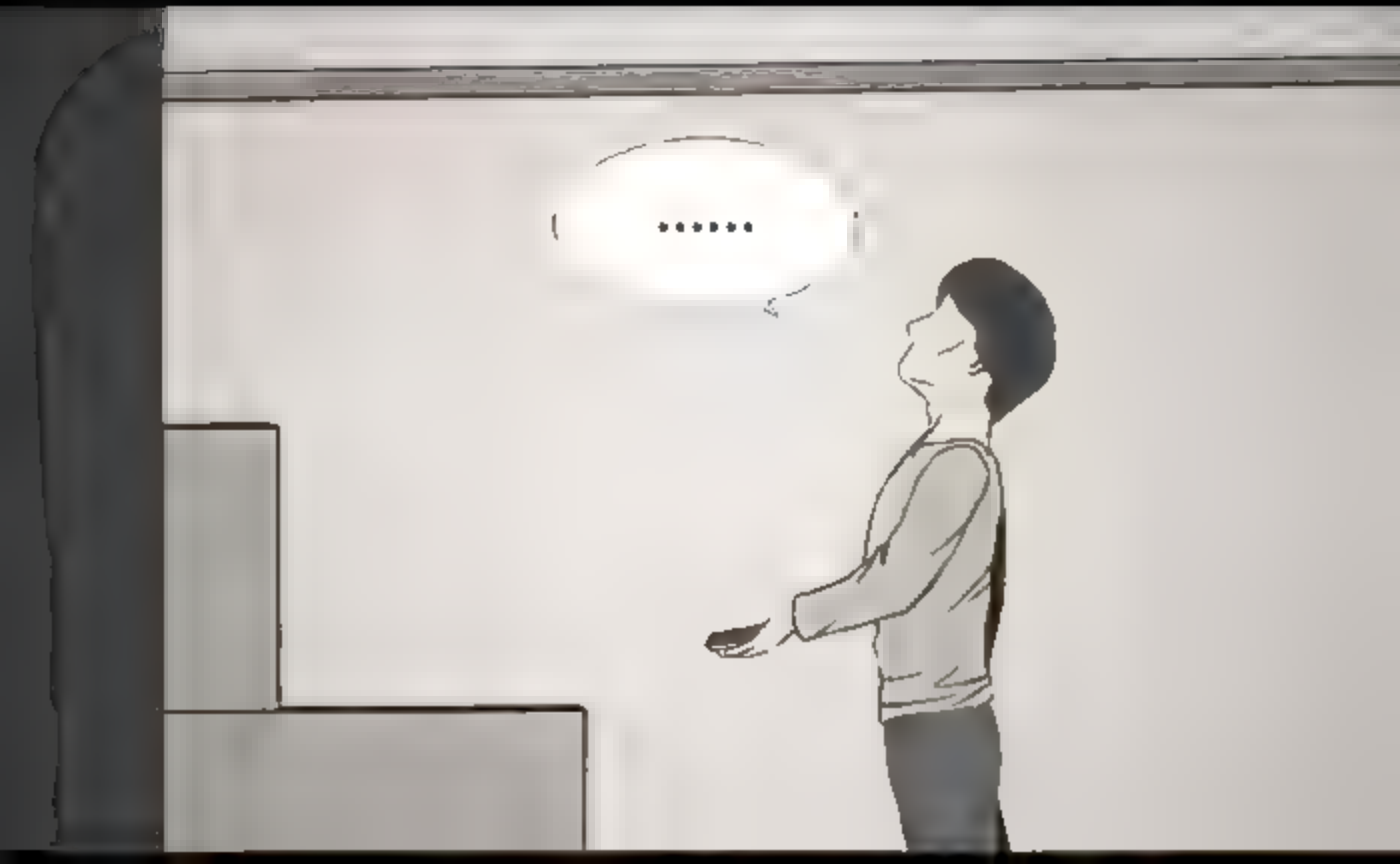
JUDGING FROM THE FACT THAT
IT HADN'T SAID ANYTHING WHILE
I HAD BEEN USING IT SO FAR,

DOES THAT MEAN THAT
THE PREVIOUS BILL HAD BEEN PAID?



HOW ON EARTH DO THEY COLLECT THE PAYMENT?

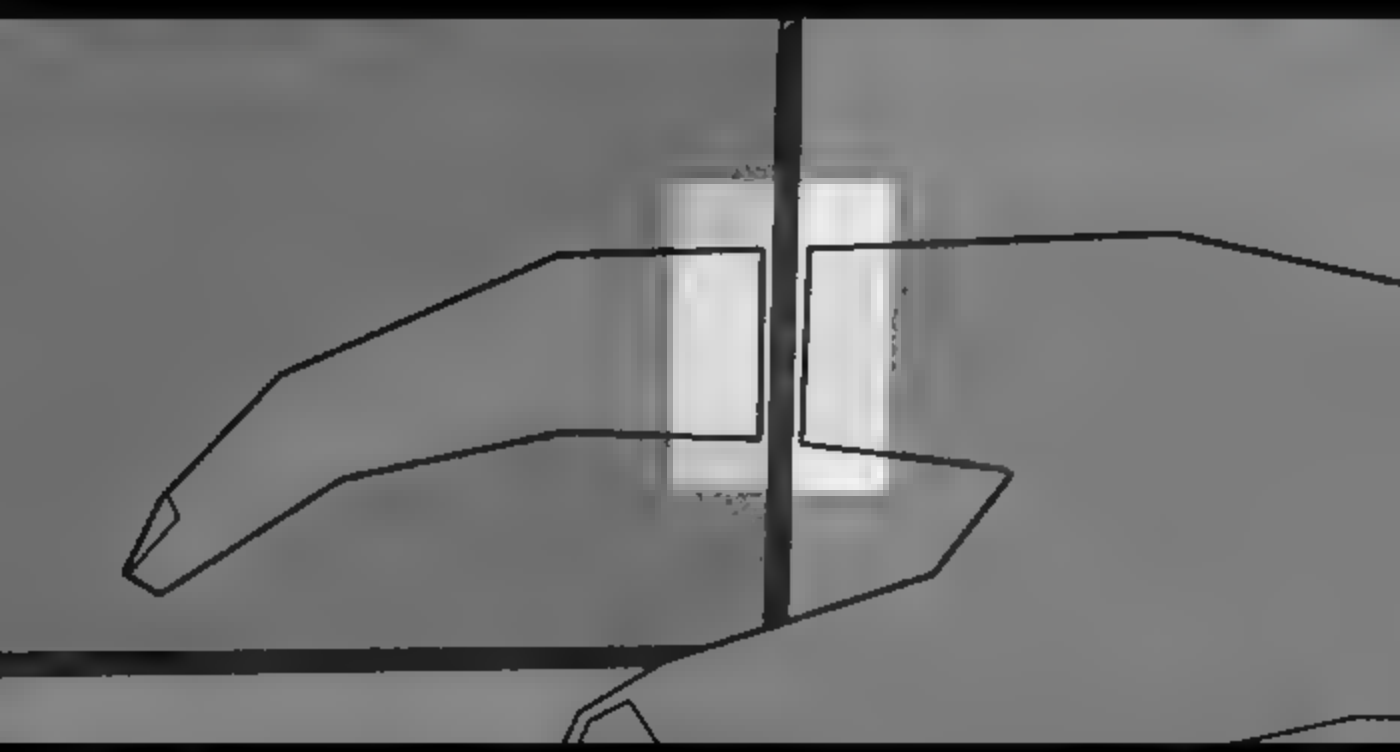
WHAT THE HECK DID I PAY FOR IT?



I THOUGHT ABOUT IT FOR A LONG TIME.

THEN SUDDENLY.

LIKE A FLASH OF LIGHTNING,
THE ANSWER SUDDENLY OCCURRED TO ME.



DURING LOADING, WHEN MY BODY OVERLAPPED WITH AN OBJECT THAT WAS ALREADY THERE,

THAT WAS THE REASON THAT IT DISAPPEARED WITHOUT BEING COMBINED WITH THE OBJECT.

I PAY WITH MY OWN BODY.
WHETHER THERE'S DUST OR A WATER BOTTLE,

EVERY TIME I LOAD,
MY BODY OVERLAPS WITH IT AND
GRADUALLY DISAPPEARS.

MY TISSUE. MY LIFE. THIS IS THE FEE.
THE PRICE FOR MY BRUTALITY.

IT WAS CHILLING.
IF I HADN'T REALIZED THIS NOW, I CERTAINLY

WOULD HAVE MET A MISERABLE END.

I'M NOT SURE WHETHER
THIS OBJECT IS A DEMON'S TOY
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OR BAIT THROWN IN FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION.

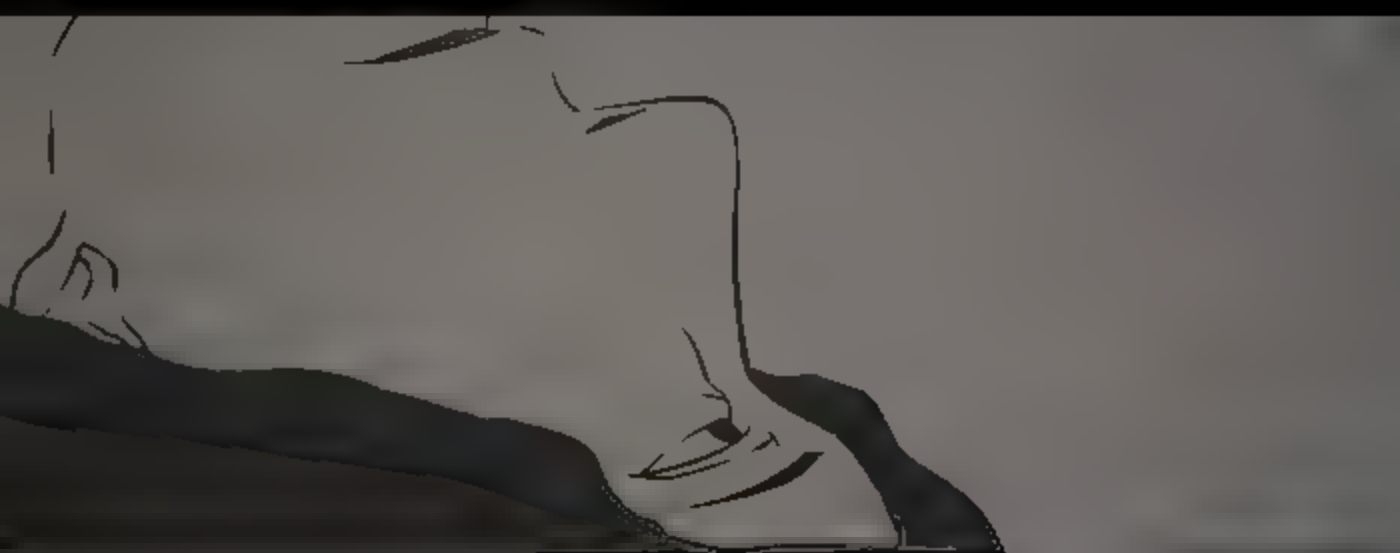
BUT I DECIDED THAT FOR NOW,
IT WOULD BE GOOD TO PAY THE LATE FEES

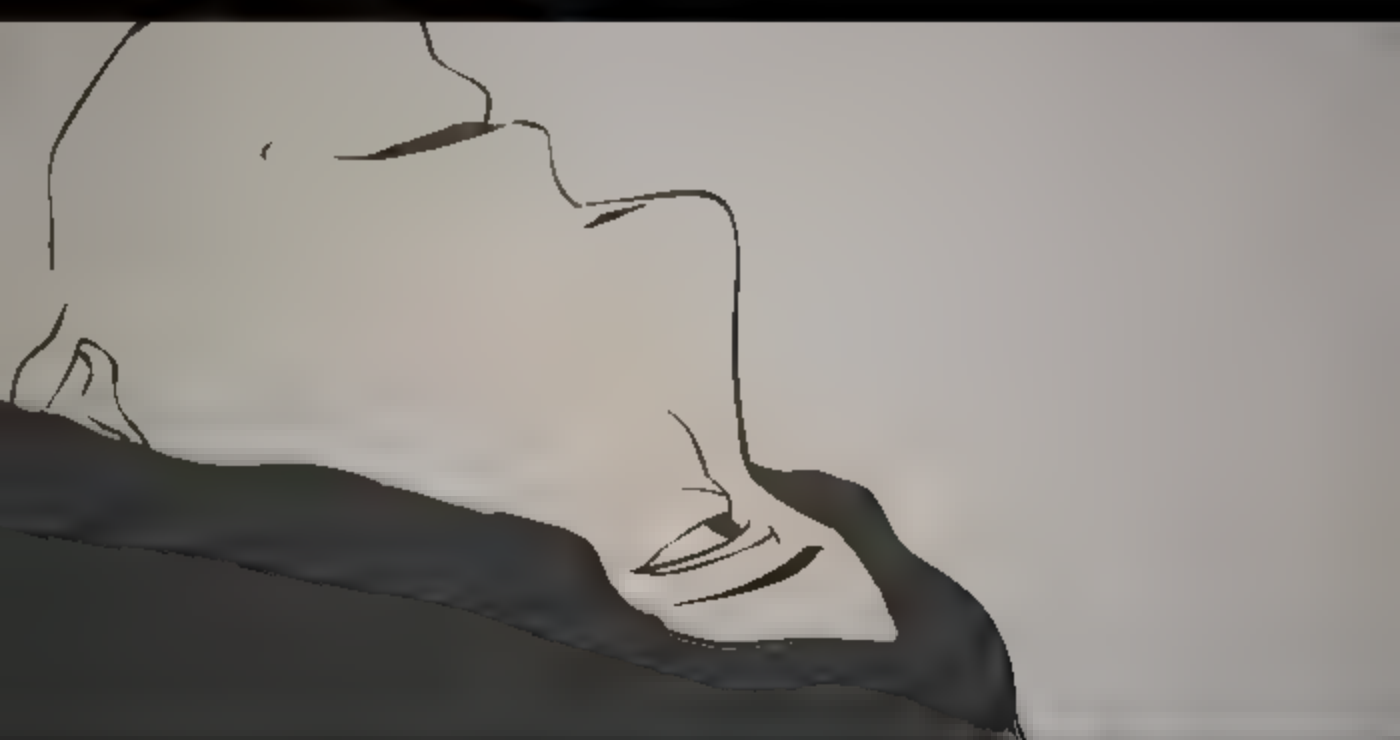
IN ORDER TO PREVENT ANY PENALTIES
WHICH MIGHT OCCUR.

STILL, THANKFULLY I REALIZED
THE DANGER EARLY ON AND STOPPED USING IT.

SO THERE WAS HOPE THAT I COULD RESOLVE THIS

IF I JUST MADE ONE FINAL PAYMENT.





THE CURRENT TIME IS.

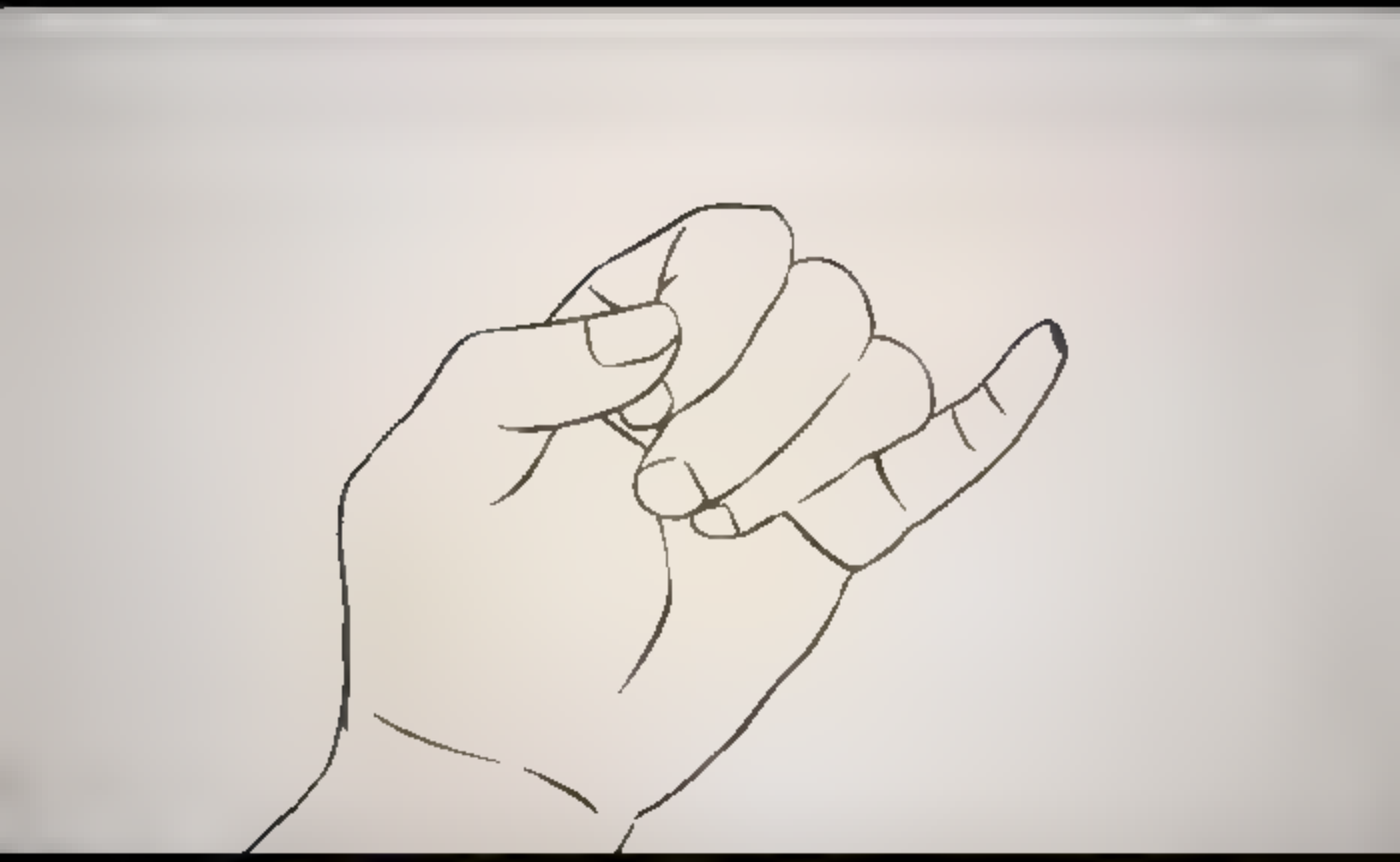
10:25 P.M.

I LOADED TO JUST ONE MINUTE EARLIER.

GULP-
AH!

THAT FINAL PAYMENT MUST HAVE SUFFICED.

I DIDN'T RECEIVE ANY MORE MESSAGES.
MY PREDICTION WAS RIGHT.



AND NOT LONG AFTER THAT,
IN ORDER TO PREVENT ANY MORE VICTIMS,
INCLUDING MYSELF,

FROM ARISING DUE TO THIS HIDEOUS DEVICE,
I SMASHED THE PHONE.

SMASH!
VERY GOOD.
VERY GOOD...
NOW IT'S ALL
OVER....

AND THEN

I WAS ALSO DISCARDED.

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IF CONTAMINATED.

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